

MAKE RYAN ANSWER

Insurance Investigating Committee Will Take Action.

COMPPELL WITNESS TO SPEAK

The Investigating Committee Will Try the Transcript of the Case Before District Attorney Nott—If Convicted Ryan May Go to Prison.

New York, Dec. 9.—Assistant District Attorney Nott, when told that the insurance investigating committee had ordered its counsel to prepare a transcript of the questions which Thomas F. Ryan had refused to answer, and to lay the transcript before the district attorney with the request that he proceed immediately against the witness, said last night:

"Should such action be taken by the committee, the first thing will be to ascertain whether the questions to which the witness refused to give answer may be regarded as 'material' and 'proper' under the wording of the law. If they prove to be so, and I have little doubt they will, in the light of the decisions handed down by the Court of Appeals on the construction to be given to the word 'material' then two ways are open for the district attorney.

"He may take the matter before a magistrate, and ask for a hearing which would result either in a dismissal of the witness or in his being held for special sessions. The offense is a misdemeanor and should under ordinary circumstances go to that court.

"The other way would be to take the evidence presented by the committee before the grand jury and ask that body to return an indictment. If the action of the jury by favorable to the contentions of the committee, the witness would then be tried in general session. But I will not take any action until Mr. Jerome returns on Monday."

A letter drafted last night will be delivered at the district attorney's office this morning, together with the certified copy of the testimony, and a similar letter will be served upon Paul D. Cravath, Mr. Ryan's counsel, at his request. As Mr. Jerome went to his Lakeville home on Thursday to remain until Monday, nothing will be done in the matter until Monday morning, when it may be presented to the grand jury, under section 69 of the penal code, entitled "Refusing to Testify." The section reads:

"A person who, being before either house of the legislature or any committee thereof, wilfully refuses to be

sworn or affirmed or to answer any material or proper question or to produce upon reasonable notice any proper books, papers, or documents in his possession or under his control, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

This law carries with it a maximum penalty of one year's imprisonment or a fine of \$500 or both.

CRITICISES "SWEAT BOX."

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Dr. J. G. Keirnan severely criticized the police "sweatbox" system last night in a paper on "The Legal Value of a Dying Declaration," read before the Chicago academy of medicine.

"The sweatbox system of today," he said, "is as barbaric as the torture system of the ancient Romans. The use of dying declarations as evidence to convict a man is illegal in the highest sense, because in nine cases out of ten the dying victim is not mentally capable of dictating facts."

The doctor cited a recent case of Mrs. Hawkins, who, when she recovered from a fractured skull identified her husband as the assailant. Dr. Keirnan was a physician in the hospital. After the woman recovered she said her husband was not the assailant and she had no remembrance of identifying him as such.

DIED IN PARIS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Dr. Zadoc Kohn, grand rabbi, of the central consistory of Israelites in France, died in Paris yesterday, says a cable dispatch received here. Dr. Kohn was born in Mannheim and was educated at the Ecole Rabbinique, of Metz. In 1880 he succeeded Rabbi Lazare Isidor as head of the central consistory. This office is the highest among the Hebrews of France. Rabbi Kohn was an able writer and a fine orator, and it was largely through his leadership that the French Hebrews passed safely through the anti-Semitic feeling following the Dreyfus affair.

CHINESE BOYCOTT

Will Be Re-Imposed on All American Goods.

EXCLUSION ACT UNMODIFIED

Congress Refuses to Enact Any Legislation in This Direction and China Retaliates—Anti-Foreign Feeling Is Strong in the Flowery Kingdom.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Washington, D. C., says: Congress will not enact any legislation modifying the Chinese exclusion act. As a result the boycott of American goods will be re-imposed shortly, and there will be a greater development of the anti-foreign feeling throughout China.

The prediction as to the attitude of Congress was made yesterday by leaders of both House and Senate. The policy of the Chinese people is based entirely upon this attitude in edicts issued by the Chinese emperor the people are urged to refrain from boycotting American goods pending action by Congress. The viceroys of various provinces proclaimed President Roosevelt had given assurances that Congress would pass remedial measures and that the Chinese should continue to purchase all goods as heretofore until the purpose of the legislative branch of the American Government developed.

It is understood the Chinese legation here has been making inquiries as to the prospect of action by Congress, and is satisfied there is no chance whatever of the enactment of satisfactory legislation.

A deadlock has occurred in the treaty negotiations between Minister Rockhill and Na Tung, of the Chinese foreign office as a result of the refusal of the former to allow the admission of Chinese laborers into the American possessions in the Pacific. In exchange for this privilege Na Tung was willing to define the classes of Chinese which should be granted entrance into the United States, thus authorizing the government to exclude everyone, who failed to come directly within these classes.

With Congress unyielding and treaty negotiations impossible of successful conduct, the President is confronted by the probability of a serious blow to American commerce in the Orient. During the last year increase of export chiefly to China, Japan, and four other countries, amounting in the case of the first named empire to \$41,000,000. Of this sum \$23,500,000 was in cotton cloth, \$10,000,000 in copper and \$3,500,000 in mineral oils.

OUR FASHION LETTER.

Brilliant Hued Cloth Gowns For Afternoon Wear.

PANNE VELVET AGAIN SMART

For Turbans Will Be Worn Later In the Season—Gray Shoes a Parisian Fad—The Circular Skirt Is Once More With Us.

Brilliant colored cloth gowns are being turned out by the tailors for afternoon wear. Crushed raspberry, a shade beloved of the Parisian, will be seen here in this country later in the season. Even as it is, a stray frock or two of this striking color are occasionally observed. These gowns are very smart when the coat has a collar and cuffs of terra cotta velvet.

Net frocks of crushed raspberry trimmed with rows upon rows of velvet ribbon are perfectly stunning for restaurant and evening parties.

Panne velvet is again smart, and charming frocks of London smoke are made up in this material. Indeed, this shade is a most serviceable one for a



GRAY BROADCLOTH COSTUME.

dress that has to be worn on a number of occasions. A lace yoke saves the gown from being unbecoming.

There is very little trimming on the bottom of dress skirts, and the hems are held out by means of canvas put in like the horsehair of several years ago.

Fur turbans will be seen later in the season made of the most expensive pelts, especially those of sable and chinchilla, simply trimmed with a few delicate flowers at one side, orchids or Christmas roses.

The gown in the cut is carried out in dove gray French broadcloth. The slightly full skirt is absolutely plain. The long coat has a short waisted empire effect. Cuffs and triple collar are of green panne velvet.

SHOES AND SKIRTS.

Parisian women are wearing every sort of shoes but the conventional black. They have the audacity to appear in gray shoes with dark dresses. These faddy affairs are queerly shaped, having a long square toe apparently projecting an inch beyond the foot.

Faille aigrette is a new fabric for evening gowns. The effect is that of an ordinary cotton pique of sixteen inch stripe. It comes in plain colors in all the evening shades.

Circular skirts are here, and they are here to stay, but will be seen more on house gowns than on street frocks.



AN EVENING BLOUSE.

When the circular skirt is made for walking it is laid in panels to prevent sagging.

For afternoon suits broadcloths are almost the only fabric of importance. Street suits are carried out in serges, tweeds and cheviot mixtures, with occasional amber plaids.

There are in the shops dainty boas of white feathers shading from white to

a still brow.

The evening blouse in the cut is of crushed raspberry chiffon overlaid with

bands and a collar of English embroidery. The bolero jacket is held at the bust with a charming ornament of heavy lace. The elbow sleeves are a puff of lace ruffles and shirred chiffon.

FACTS AND FANCIES.

A word as to coats. The long coat may be severely tailored, with long lines and of perfect plainness, or it may take the guise of the directoire or empire style in cut. The short jacket may have a rounded basque like a man's morning coat, fitting well to the hips and cut away in front, or it may flaunt a plaited or fluted basque held in place with a wide or narrow belt.

Ribbons are to be used ad libitum—and let us hope this will not descend



WHITE SUEDE TOQUE.

into ad nauseam—pompadour and wattle ribbons in satin and broadcloth velvet for evening wear and more somber shades for ruchings and plaiting for daytime.

Stamped out cloth, silk lace and silk broderie anglaise are all revivals that are meeting with approval at the hands of milliners and dressmakers.

In millinery one's choice this season is a wide one. The newest and smartest type of hat is rather fanciful, with gracefully curved brim, very much raised off the head at one side and smothered with feathers. But the hat tip tilted at the back with wings and plumes at the sides has by no means run its course, and the picturesque shape Parisians have dubbed the "Lawrence" on account of its being like the headgear worn by this great court painter's fair sitters will have a great vogue. But the small, neat, chic toque, which is a product truly Parisian, is made by the leading milliners for wear with tailor made.

The toque in the cut is of white suede edged with a band of mink. White ostrich feathers are arranged at the back.

FRIBBLES OF FASHION.

Muffs are to be very long and not very deep. This shape is necessary on account of providing some protection for the arm when elbow sleeves are worn.

A funny little round white hat of corded silk for a small child has the straight brim edged with a band of mink fur.

Black velvet gowns are very swager this winter, but chiffon velvet



LITTLE BOY'S COAT.

frocks ranging from this somber hue to red and turquoise blue will be worn. A velvet dress, however, should never be included in one's wardrobe unless a good cloth one for the street is also provided, as the velvet gown has to be very carefully treated, for it soon shows hard usage.

Long coats are fashionable at present, but when a suit is worn in the afternoon, no matter what the material, a short elaborately trimmed jacket is the thing.

Gold and silver thread are much used, and the two are often combined, making a particularly rich effect on velvet and panne cloth.

Tinsel tones are very smart on evening frocks, a silver rose with a gold center being exceedingly pretty on a tulle toque.

Even the tailored short skirts escape the ground this winter only an inch or an inch and a half.

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